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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Louis L. Kafka**  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act Relative to the treatment of infantile cataracts.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

|DISTRICT/ADDRESS:  
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF INFANTILE CATARACTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 17J. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

SECTION 2. Chapter 118E, is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 61. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

SECTION 3. Section 108 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section K. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses, as required as medically necessary by the physician.

SECTION 4. Section 110 of Chapter 175 is hereby amended by adding the following section:

18       Section N. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a health  
19 insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for  
20 treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses,  
21 as required as medically necessary by the physician.

22       SECTION 5. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
23 section:

24       Section 8CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a  
25 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for  
26 treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses,  
27 as required as medically necessary by the physician.

28       SECTION 6. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
29 section:

30       Section 4CC. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a  
31 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for  
32 treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses,  
33 as required as medically necessary by the physician.

34       SECTION 7. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following  
35 section:

36       Section 4U. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a  
37 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for  
38 treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses,  
39 as required as medically necessary by the physician.

40       SECTION 8. Chapter 176I of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:

41       Section 12. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a  
42 health insurance policy that covers infantile cataract surgery must provide coverage for aphakic lenses for  
43 treatment and rehabilitation. The coverage must include benefits for prosthetic contact lenses or glasses,  
44 as required as medically necessary by the physician.